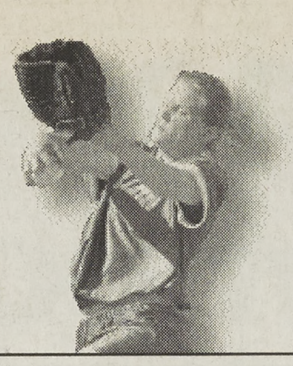
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Quick Bits

STICK TOGETHER

Gary Davis, ASI president, is looking forward to a long career in politics. The prez has applied to graduate school at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and enlisted the help of some heavy hitters to improve his chances of getting in. Not only has President Gerth written a letter of recommendation, but our Chancellor, the embattled Charlie Reed himself, has also placed a personal phone call to his old alma mater on Davis' behalf. Better start apartment hunting, Gary.

RING RING

Been hearing bells ringing lately? Thank Don Tucker, assistant director of operations for the University Union. Seems he wandered by the carillon for the campus clock, located on the second floor of the Union and wondered why he hadn't heard the chimes lately. With a flick of his wrist, Tucker turned the volume up and now the clock merrily marks CSUS time. The carillon can be programmed to play certain songs, like holiday jingles and classical movements. Tucker even admitted that he takes requests for music and will sit down at the carillon and play them his very own self. He's played everything from birthday jingles to the Russian National Anthem.

'TIS THE SEASON

It just isn't spring around here without the lovely sounds of piledrivers and jackhammers reverberating throughout the campus. Mariposa Hall is the latest victim of the construction frenzy. Not only was the building destroyed, but so were the 15 handicapped parking spaces on Moraga Way nearby. UTAPS tells us that 12 spaces have been relocated to the Parking Structure and other environs for the duration of the construction. Which, if we're lucky, will only interrupt classes for 12 to 16 more months.

ELECTION TIME

ASI elections are just two weeks away! For a complete list of ASI candidates, see the Hornet online at csus.edu/hornet. Next week we will feature the candidates for the executive positions as well as print our endorsements. And stay tuned on Election Day to Hornet online. We will post the election results as soon as they come in.

FAST FACTS

IT COST THE UNIVERSITY $7812.75 TO MAIL PRESIDENT GERTH'S OPEN LETTER TO ALL 23,675 STUDENTS ON MARCH 24.

CFA votes to strike

BY FARRAH M. McDAID
State Hornet

The California Faculty Association declared a state of strike in the CSU system last Saturday in response to the imposition of a last,best offer contract by the Board of Trustees on March 17.

The CSUS chapter of the CFA has been discussing a wide range of job actions, including informational picketing and meetings with public officials. No class interruptions are anticipated by the CFA leaders at this time.

"We are discussing strategies that will build up to a whole series of campus activities," said Emanual Gale, emeritus professor of gerontology and social work.

Negotiations between the CFA and Chancellor Charles Reed over the imposed contract remain stalled.

"We are willing to meet administration negotiators any time they are ready to bargain seriously for a new contract," said Susan Meisenhelder, the newly-elected CFA president.

Chancellor Reed issued a statement last Monday that CSU campuses are "operating normally" after the CFA job action vote.

"We knew that the CFA leadership could vote in this way, but we are confident that our faculty will not abandon their responsibility to the students," said Reed.

The CFA will now ask the AFL-CIO, county labor councils, the Teamsters Union and the California Teachers Association for strike sanction.

In other CFA news, Jeff Lustig, professor of government at CSUS, has been elected as Secretary of the CFA. He will continue to serve as president of the CSUS chapter of CFA.

Members of the CSUS CFA chapter will meet today at noon in the CFA office, located in TMM 2 of the portable classrooms near the Guy West Bridge. Call 278-6196 for details.

Faculty rebuke Gerth and Reed

BY FARRAH M. McDAID
State Hornet

Faculty Senators sent a strong message to President Gerth and Chancellor Reed at their meeting on March 25 when they voted almost unanimously to adopt a resolution condemning both administrators for their conduct in the recent imposition of the "last, best offer" contract on the CSU faculty.

Tempers flared at the standing-room-only meeting as the senators debated a resolution that condemns Chancellor Reed for his "public disparagement of the faculty of the CSU" and his "lack of regard for the principles and values of the CSU system."

The senators also adopted a second resolution criticizing President Gerth for the letter that he mailed on March 24 to all 23,000 CSUS students in

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ASI ballot busy

BY DAVID SOMMERS
State Hornet

A record 29 students are running for 12 positions on the ASI Board of Directors.

Only one position, director of education, is vacant according to the final list of eligible candidates released March 30. Last year, there were no candidates for five positions, according to ASI executive director Carol Ackerson.

"I'm certainly pleased to see more interest in ASI this year. We have more candidates running for office than ever before," said Ackerson.

In addition to a vacancy for director of education, no candidates are running for the two positions on the State Hornet Publications Board and the two slots for two-year terms on the University Union Board of Directors.

The previous record for the ASI board stood at 16 candidates in the 1998 ASI elections. This year, the two most contested seats are for director of Engineering and Computer Sciences and director of Arts and Letters, each of which has four students running.

"In the past, director of Business Administration has seen the most candidates simply because of the number of students in that college. Having four candidates in Engineering is simply great," said Ackerson.

ASI members agree that having a large number of students running for office will benefit all students.

"The more candidates the better," said Gary Davis, ASI president. "Competition among the numerous people running for one position may help ensure that the best candidate gets the job."

According to Davis, the dramatic rise in candidates can be attributed to ASI "being out and about on campus."

"ASI is a laboratory for making changes for the benefit of students. I think students are realizing that, and want to be part of the board of directors because of the positive impact it can have on the campus community," said Davis.

ASI elections will take place April 20-21, running from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Students can vote at one of five polling booths, located at the River Front Center, in the Library breezeway, outside Lassen Hall, in the Eureka Hall quad and at the University Union.

ASI members are hoping for an increased voter turnout from last year, when

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Point Blank



Jennifer Regadio/State Hornet

Vic Vinson of University Police and Justin Eckland of the Sacramento Police Department aim to improve their skills in the event of a crisis situation on campus over the Spring Break holiday. For more pictures and details on police training exercises that took place on campus, please see page p.6.

OneCard buys food

BY RAVI POORSINA
State Hornet

The OneCard will soon be able to do more than check out Library books. It will soon be able to buy you lunch.

With a target date of April 19, University Support Services will be implementing the technology necessary to be able to use the OneCard to purchase food and drinks at several campus eateries.

Ron Grant, director of Support Services, expects that the OneCard will be accepted as payment in Crumbs, Taco Bell, Togo's and the Outpost starting April 19.

"We are still talking to Burger King about this process and they could possibly begin to accept the OneCard as payment about one week later," said Grant.

The OneCard is set up in a manner in which students and faculty can deposit any dollar amount as credit on their OneCard. Then, the card can be used to pay for a meal.

There are already three machines located on campus where students can credit the OneCard by depositing cash. They are located in the Library, Lassen Hall and in the OneCard office located on the south side of Brighton Hall.

According to Grant the machines operate in the same manner as making a deposit into an ATM, but he said, "you cannot withdraw cash."

Currently, the OneCard can be used to purchase sodas from vending machines in Sacramento Hall, Tahoe Hall, Riverside Hall and two of the dormitory buildings.

Some students are welcoming the new purchasing power of their OneCards.

"I think this will be very convenient for students. It will also help to manage your money if you are on a budget," said Annie Phoxay, a junior majoring in business.

Other students seem to prefer paying with cash.

"I don't think that I would use it

See CARDS, p. 11

ASI plans for rec center

BY HEATHER VANDENBURG
State Hornet

To be or not to be. The fate of the fitness/events/recreation/arena Student Center resides in the hands of the student body of CSUS.

Come April 20 and 21, votes in the ASI elections will be cast for Referendum #1, commonly known as the Student Center. With the election only two weeks away, voters may be wondering, "How exactly will a Student Center improve my campus life?" The answer depends on the student.

Approximately 10 percent of CSUS students patronize a local gym within 10 miles of the campus. The backers of the proposed recreation center want to build a facility that would provide the same services as a private gym at a lower cost, located conveniently on campus.

"In the proposed plan we have drawn up, the center will have everything a local gym has plus some," said Gary Davis, ASI president. Davis expects the Student Center, if approved by the students, to offer aerobics, yoga and tai chi classes as well as other fitness-related general activities.

"It would be modeled after the recreation center at San Diego State," said Davis. Of all the recreation centers researched, The Recreation Task Force Committee, formed by Davis to draft the proposal on the ballot, found SDSU's Aztec Recreation Center to have the same qualities - a good design and student-centered philosophy - that would be most compatible with the students at Sac State.

Like SDSU's Aztec Recreation Center, ASI has plans to include multi-purpose gymnasiums, a cardiovascular room, a weight training room, fitness and aerobic and dance studios, a climbing wall, racquetball courts, and intramural sports facilities, according to Jason Bryant, chair of the Recreation Task Force.

"The only thing we don't know about is a pool, because they are very expensive to maintain, but it will be built if it is in the budget," he said.

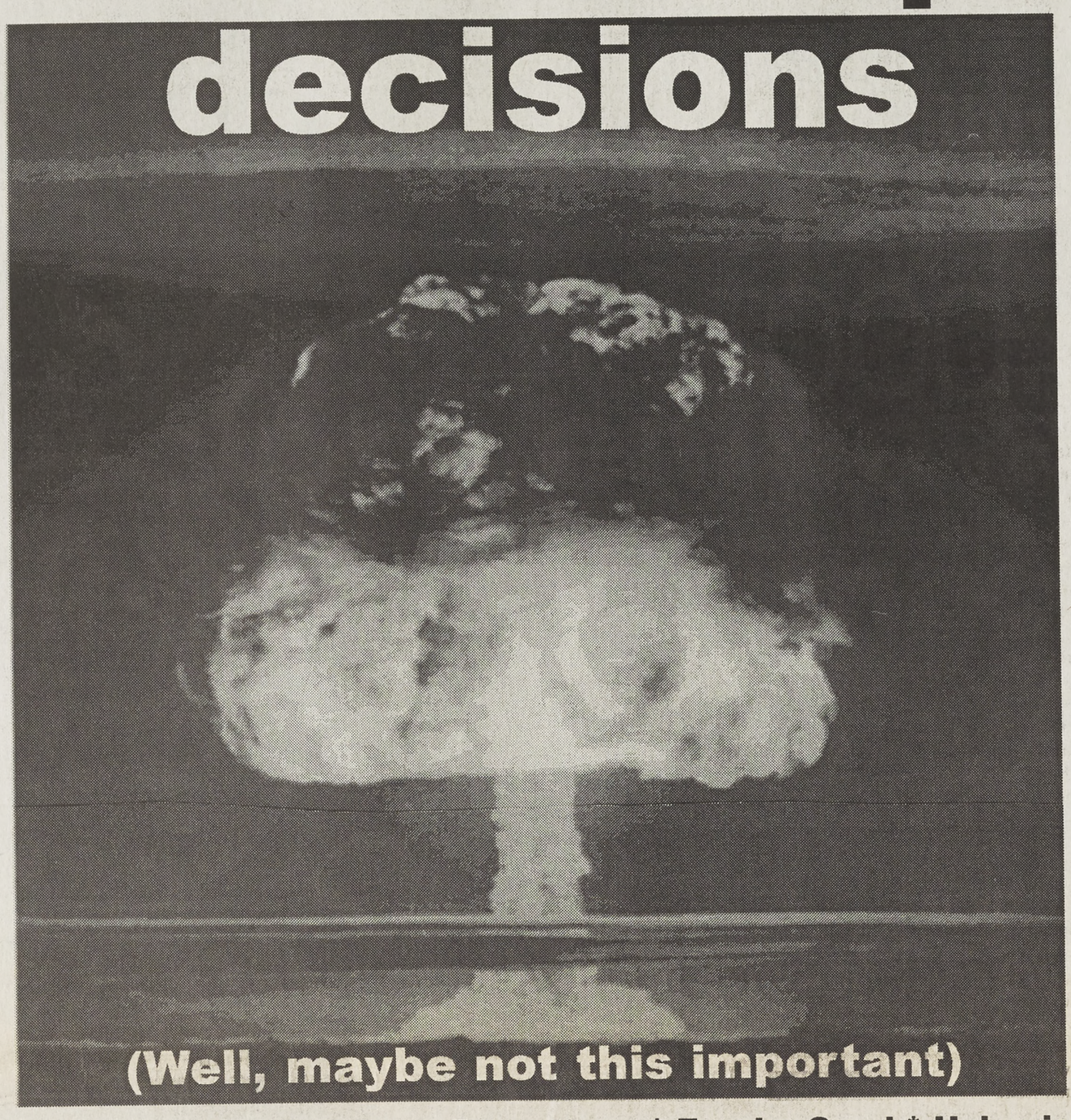
The budget for the Student Center seems to be the one thing that ASI officials aren't so sure about.

Referendum #1 asks for students to approve a $24-per-semester fee to fund the planning stages of the center. Then, as soon as construction begins, the fee would increase by $66, bringing the grand total fee per semester for every student to $90.

"If students want this to happen, this is how much it's going to cost," said Carol Ackerson, ASI executive director, "We would like to get the cost down by gaining sponsors, but we have to have a commitment from the students before we can do that."

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Your vote empowers people to make important decisions



Vote April 20 & 21

ASI

Candidate Roundtable
April 13
6:00 p.m.
The Pub

Candidate Debates
April 14 Noon
Taco Bell Patio

April 15 Noon
Library Quad

April 19 Noon
Library Quad

April 20 Noon
Taco Bell Patio

Polling Locations: River Front Center * Library Breezeway * Eureka Quad * Univeristy Union * Lassen Hall

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HORNET LIFE



My Spring Break

While many of you had the opportunity to take time off during the break, squandering away your parents' money on booze south of the border, I unfortunately was stuck in the trench pit I have come to know as Sacramento. What a fitting way to spend my spring break. Feeling sorry for me yet?

Well, that's okay. Considering the lack of effort I put into actually doing something, my weekend wasn't too much of a bust.

A couple of my friends and I decided to stroll over to the Fox and Goose, a quaint little place with a good amount of space for drinking but not a lot of space for playing if you're a musician. I guess the space didn't bother the six-piece version of the jazz/soul band West Coast Rhythm Section.

I was particularly impressed with lead singer Anita Jones. Man, can that girl wail. In a town where solid vocals have much to be desired, Jones' voice definitely picks up the slack. She belted out on most tunes, but still left room for the rest of the band to create. Saxophone player Jon Hoops provided fluid solos over the tight grooves, although at times much of the music was rather predictable.

Still, not a bad performance by one of the only live soul bands that don't sound sappy or just play covers, thank God. I mean, how many versions of "Play that Funky Music," can you stand? The crowd was a good mix of twenty-somethings who seemed to enjoy the two-set show, and I guess if everyone was happy that's all that matters.

On another note, I somehow found myself wandering down to Old Ironsides, a favorite bar for local musicians. I must say that the crowd on hand was fairly large and for good reason. The Tattooed Love Dogs catered to the packed house and served up a mean helping of rocking music not to mention an eagerly awaited new CD. Not to be outdone was Forever Goldrush who, I must say, has been making quite a name for itself. Bravo to these guys for making country music exciting again. After all of this there was still a headliner! One of my personal favorites, Grub Dog and the Amazing Sweethearts, played a short yet effective set. Front man Grub was as entertaining as ever, but hey, I'm biased so he could stand on his head and I would find a way to be amused.

So you're probably saying to yourselves, "Why is this guy telling us about his weekend? Is it that he was so excited about these bands that he had to run out and tell the world? Or, is it just that he doesn't really have a life and his only two friends are tired of him talking about music?"

Well, all these things might be true in one form or another, but I guess this is my way of telling you that I think these bands are pretty cool, and you should try and check them out. So, like, go see them and stuff.

History finds a new home

BY CATHY MURTHA
State Hornet

CSUS will soon provide students with the opportunity to read a newspaper that reported the death of Abraham Lincoln, the events of the Civil War, and the visits of J. Edgar Hoover and President Roosevelt to Sacramento. Through the generosity of Herald Printing, hundreds of bound paper volumes of the Sacramento Union have found a new home at CSUS.

Ralph Danel Jr. and Sr., Bob Reboin, Steve Danel and Jim Danel, of Herald Printing donated the bound volumes and microform late last year. CSUS recently took physical possession of the archives and is storing it in a temporary location in the Library. The volumes will be made available to students and staff on an appointment-only basis. Many of the volumes are fragile and will require careful handling. Because of the temporary storage of the volumes, the Library staff will be available to help those who may need immediate access. The staff will search the archives and retrieve the desired volumes until the collection is moved to a permanent storage location.



"Just placing myself in a different time, imagining what it was like, is exciting," said Fred Batt, associate dean of the Library, who was first contacted by Ralph Danel Jr. and accepted the donation on behalf of CSUS. "It is like reading a novel as compared to a computer screen. Touching the papers from that far back and imagining what life was like is exciting and aesthetically pleasing."

The Sacramento Union reported daily from 1854 to 1994 on great and small events. From major earthquakes to the cost of beef pot roast (10 cents per pound) on the day President Roosevelt visited Sacramento in 1932, the Sacramento Union recorded and archived the history of Sacramento and the nation.

Entering the room where the volumes are stored gives one a sense of the newspaper's history. Volumes from 1854 are in relatively mint condition while later volumes from the 1920s are more fragile and in need of careful handling. The smell of old paper and dust from the ages permeates the room, inviting one to open volume after volume and explore the treasure trove of history which lay within the bound journals.

Opening just one of the volumes has an intoxicating effect. News events of a century ago transport students into another time and place.

Ads from long-forgotten sales, the smiles of infants whose pictures accompanied the announcements of their births, and reports of events long ago all come to life on the pages of the Sacramento Union. Included with the collection of bound volumes, which was appraised at an approximate value of $44,000, is a significant run of the Sacramento Daily Union and rare copies of the Sacramento Steamer Union that date from 1885 to 1888.

The Library staff was excited to find that an important printing of the "History of California Newspapers" published on December 20,1858 is in mint condition and considers it to be a rare gem in the collection. In addition, one of the most powerful editorials in local history, which documented the sale of the Sacramento Daily Union to the Sacramento Record, is also included. The paper volumes include issues of the newspaper from September 1854 to March 1980. The final issues, which date to 1994, are on microform. Although the entire collection is currently available on microfiche, there is nothing that compares to the experience of actually touching a piece of history.

See the great outdoors with Peak Adventures

BY GINA MAUCIERI
State Hornet

Sunshine surrounds us, trees are blooming and spring is finally here. Now's the time for students to head outside and experience the great outdoors. Peak Adventures, CSUS's ticket to rest and relaxation, is more than just bicycles and ski trips - there is literally something for everyone; just take a peak in the catalog.

On campus, Peak Adventures staff provides a bicycle shop, cheap rentals of sports equipment, instruction for courses (including the ropes course), and they organize recreational sports. Off campus, they lead groups on rock-climbing trips, camping excursions, and even shopping outings, cave explorations and whale watching.

This Sunday, there are two trips: one for wine tasting in Napa Valley, and the other is a tour of art museums in San Francisco. The cost to students for both of these trips is $45. Outings include transportation and admission to featured events, and often lunch along with other perks.

Michael Upchurch, equipment manager for Peak Adventures, started working there when he was a CSUS student. In December he earned his degree in Commercial Recreation. Upchurch has been a guide on more than 20 excursions in kayaking, mountain biking, and other sports. He recently helped lead a mountain biking trip to Moab, Utah.

"That has been, by far, the best trip I've ever done," said Upchurch.

Although he enjoys many activities Peak Adventures sponsors, mountain biking is Upchurch's favorite adventure.

"That's usually how we get involved (with Peak Adventures). I was a mountain biker, so I started working here. Most people have their niche. They specialize in one activity, but they sometimes cross over," he said.

Each trip has about three guides from Peak Adventures, and the number of participants must be between six and 12. All guides are trained in CPR and have commercial drivers' licenses. "We take pride in the fact that we really stress safety. We don't want anybody to have a bad time on our trips," Upchurch said.

Whether you choose a one-day horseback riding trip or a couple days of backpacking in the mountains, be assured that Peak Adventures' main concern is your safety and fun.

"The leaders are the backbone of all our trips," said Upchurch. "That's what's neat about the recreation industry; people love their jobs."



Courtesy photo

A Peak Adventures hiker enjoys the great outdoors at Grey Eagle.

Expand your mind



Oftentimes I sit in my car during long drives and wonder what makes for a great thinker. How did so many of the great philosophers realize that their thoughts and ideas were brilliant and revolutionary, and how did they extract all that information in an understandable form? By learning from a mentor. I'm sure students often wonder the same thing, "does my Cracker Jack philosophy have any value?" I think it has tremendous value.

How do we know that the hung-over guy in sweat pants and a Metallica T-shirt sitting next to us in Intro to Ceramics isn't more brilliant than Socrates? We don't, and unfortunately I don't think he does either. It would take another brilliant mind to open up what the Metallica-donning guy is thinking. However, this is the easy part.

Every day as students we probably see two or three of them. Brilliant minds trying to put some of their experiences and knowledge into us, and it's not like they all took the job so they could have the summers off, they want to see us blossom. Our professors, instructors, and doctors know a lot, think a lot, and could give us more than the paid 45 minutes of instruction we expect.

Imagine if the sweaty, hung-over, Metallica-donning guy went to coffee with his government professor after his Intro to Ceramics class. Instead of sitting in the quad, staring at the fountain, he could be immersed in enlightening conversation. The subjects are endless: academia, foreign policy, leaves, Mazda, whatever. Each conversation has the possibility to open up one's mind into another direction.

"The worth of mentoring is considerably beneficial," said government professor Bill Dorman. A few of the faculty, like professor Dorman, currently mentor students and find the benefits both to the student and the teacher extraordinary.

> **"To me mentoring is fun, I get satisfaction from it, I like to see students progress."**
>
> Government professor
> Bill Dorman

Professors want to do it. Don't tell me that your crabby old economics teacher doesn't want to see you anywhere besides the classroom. True, he may not want to discuss why you can't understand the voodoo economics of the Reagan administration, but he will want to discuss with you how a possible World War Three could affect both of your families, or how to begin investing your money in case you don't marry rich.

In each case you will learn, not from a textbook, not from a video, but from a dialogue. Maybe your discussions will yield a pattern enabling you to realize that the Democrats were right all along, maybe not. Maybe your eyes will open up to see the beauty of symmetry, or maybe you'll see that it is acceptable not to clean your room.

"To me mentoring is fun, I get satisfaction from it, I like to see students progress," said Dorman.

This mind boggling concept is not new, in fact at universities in Azerbaijan, professors are required to mentor four students a semester. If we did that at CSUS, more than 5,000 students would be mentored each year. 5,000 students per year opening up their minds to the knowledge and wisdom of the campus' greatest resource, the faculty, would be incredible.

After an hour conversation with a professor I met for the first time, dozens of thoughts and ideas raced through my head. We all have the potential to be philosophers, to think really deep thoughts, to make sense of them. We just need someone to open them up.

We all have heard of Socrates, he was a great philosopher and great mentor. The student he sat and had coffee with was Plato. I think you may have heard of him too.



Cherrie Ostrowski/State Hornet

Easter fun

The annual Children's Center Easter Egg Hunt was hosted on March 24 by Sigma Chi fraternity. Held in the main quad, brothers from Sigma Chi painted faces, played games, and ran the Easter egg hunt for the several dozen tiny tots from the Children's Center. Several sorority sisters also participated by assisting Sigma Chi in providing some of the events.



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Friday, May 28, 1999

1:00 p.m.
College of Education
Doors open and candidates assemble at 12:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m.
College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies
Doors open and candidates assemble at 4:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.
College of Engineering and Computer Science
Doors open and candidates assemble at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 29, 1999

8:30 a.m.
College of Health and Human Services
Doors open and candidates assemble at 7:45 a.m.

11:30 a.m.
College of Business Administration
Doors open and candidates assemble at 11:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m.
College of Arts and Letters
Doors open and candidates assemble at 2:15 p.m.

6:00 p.m.
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Doors open and candidates assemble at 5:15 p.m.

Students completing graduation requirements for Spring & Summer 1999 may attend CSU Sacramento's Spring Commencement Ceremonies. Candidates must sign up in their respective Dean's Office to participate no later than Friday, May 7th, 1999.

Caps and Gowns may be purchased at the Associated Students Business Office on the Third Floor of the University Union. (Purchase caps and gowns early for best selection)

Bachelor's cap, gown & tassel $25 • Master's cap, gown & tassel $25
Master's hood $17 • Tassel only $5 • Honor Cord $9

The Hornet Bookstore is now taking orders for personalized graduation announcements.

Questions regarding commencement should be addressed to the appropriate College Dean's Office or Janice Hayden, Commencement Coordinator, at 278-4724.

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www.csus.edu/commerce/



MONDAY, MARCH 29

PETTY THEFT: A purse was taken from a dorm room. The wallet was later turned into lost and found.

INCIDENT: A female juvenile subject reported a sexual assault after accepting a ride from an unknown male who brought her to CSUS where he parked and then raped her in the parking lot next to the stadium.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

AUTO BURGLARY: Brian Bertolucci, 22, was arrested for the burglary of a vehicle on the first floor of the Parking Structure. A second suspect remains at large.

DISTURBING THE PEACE: Three juvenile skateboarders were caught by University Police jumping off planter boxes in the Library quad.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

DISTURBING THE PEACE: Six juveniles were reported to be participating in hazardous activities on bikes near the Guy West Bridge. Damage to the landscape around the Guy West Plaza was reported.

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES: An unknown male subject ejaculated on the elevator control panel in Mendocino Hall.

BURGLARY: A staff member witnessed an unknown male subject exit Sequoia Hall toward the Guy West Bridge with candy bars and a skateboard after a loud noise. The subject was seen leaving with another male. Upon inspection, a vending machine had been damaged.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

VEHICLE RECOVERED: Five juveniles driving a stolen purple GMC Yukon were arrested by University Police near Howe Avenue on charges ranging from possession of burglary tools and conspiracy to possession of stolen property

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

DISTURBING THE PEACE: A male subject was reported to be shouting profane words at baseball players and refusing to leave from the third floor of the Parking Structure. Subject gone on arrival by University Police.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

WELFARE CHECK: An unresponsive male in front of the main bus stop was transported to Sutter General Hospital.

-COMPILED BY LIZ BAIDOO

Obituaries

WILMA ALLERTON

Retired CSUS professor Wilma Allerton died March 26 of congestive heart failure.

Born in Rogers, Ark., Allerton graduated from the University of Utah and received an MBA from UC Berkeley

An accounting professor for 27 years in the CSUS business department, she was also the second woman in the state of Utah to become a certified public accountant.

She had been called the "cornerstone" of the CSUS accounting department by her colleagues.

Allerton retired from full-time teaching at CSUS in 1984.

She was 89 at the time of her death.

GERARD LARSON

Gerard Larson, a long-time professor in the CSUS theater arts department, died after a month-long stay in the hospital for pulmonary emphysema and pneumonia.

A member of the faculty for 37 years, Larson retired from teaching in 1994. He found time to direct numerous campus productions on top of his teaching load.

By his side at the time of his death was his wife of 41 years, Georgia.

The theater arts department has set up a fund in Larson's memory. For more details, contact the department at 278-6368.

A memorial service in Larson's honor will be held on April 24 in the University Theater The time for the memorial has yet to be announced.

MICHAEL NADOLSKI

CSUS student Michael Nadolski passed away March 21 from injuries suffered in an automobile accident in Nevada.

He was 22.

Nadolski, a member of the Delta Chi fraternity, was on his way back to Sacramento from a Delta Chi conference in Las Vegas when the accident occurred.

He had received an AA at American River College in 1997 and was pursuing a business degree at CSUS.

"He was one of those people who touched everyone he knew," said Chris Smith, a friend and Delta Chi member

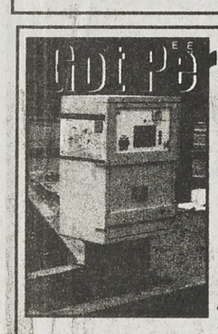
Fraternities and Sororities at CSUS mourned Nadolski's death by wearing red and yellow ribbons last week.

The single-car crash that took Nadolskiš life has been ruled an accident and did not involve any improper conduct by the occupants of the car.

Smith said that Nadolski was a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and loved to snowboard or go hiking with his dog, Orion.

Services for Nadolski were held in Sacramento on March 26.

-COMPILED BY LIZ BAIDOO



Don't waste time driving from lot to lot for a permit. Current as of Tuesday, April 6.

	Working? yes	no
Lot 1	X	
Lot 2	X	
Lot 4	X	
Lot 7	X	
Lot 8	X	
Overflow Lot	X	
Info Booth 1	X	
Info Booth 2	X	

Houston arrested

BY LIZ BAIDOO
State Hornet

A member of the CSUS men's basketball team was indicted on robbery charges for allegedly taking $1,700 from a resident of the CSUS dorms. Sean Terrell Houston, 24, a senior who was the starting center for the Hornets this last season, was arrested March 9 by University Police after the victim reported being robbed by two men. Houston has been charged with robbery and conspiracy.

Mark Langhorn, arrested the next day and believed to be Houston's accomplice, was charged with strong-arm robbery for the same incident.

Langhorn allegedly pulled a gun on the resident, while Houston allegedly participated in the crime.

Langhorn is not a student at CSUS, and Houston had expected to graduate this spring.

Houston will appear in court on April 9 in Sacramento.

Scam artists target CSUS student

Man told he was buying laptop computer for $400

HORNET NEWS STAFF

On March 24 between 12:30 and 1 p.m., a 32-year-old male was defrauded out of $150.00 in Parking Lot 4.

The victim was approached by a male subject and asked if he wanted to buy a laptop computer. The suspect showed the victim a working laptop and said he had more of them in his car parked nearby. The suspect opened the trunk of his vehicle and showed the victim four cardboard boxes with a picture of a laptop computer on each of them like the one shown by the suspect. The price marked on the box was $3,999.00.

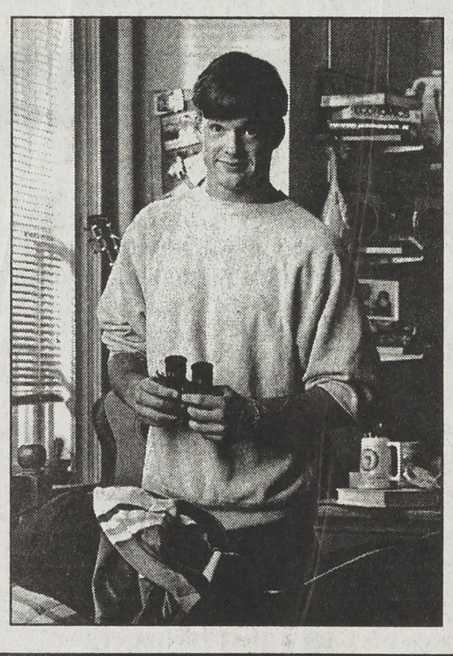
A second suspect, a female sitting inside the suspect vehicle, told the victim that they would sell one of the laptops for $400. However, the victim had only $150 in cash. The suspects agreed to the terms and took the victim's money. They gave him a box and drove off. The victim opened the box and found that it was full of newspapers and rocks. The victim told University Police that, although he was embarrassed, he wanted to report the fraud so that it would not happen to someone else.

The suspects were described as a black male and a black female driving a 1984 Dodge K-car, bronze in color.

"It has been our experience that persons conducting business in the parking lots without University sanction are generally dealing in stolen property or other illegal activity," said John Hamrick, University Police investigator

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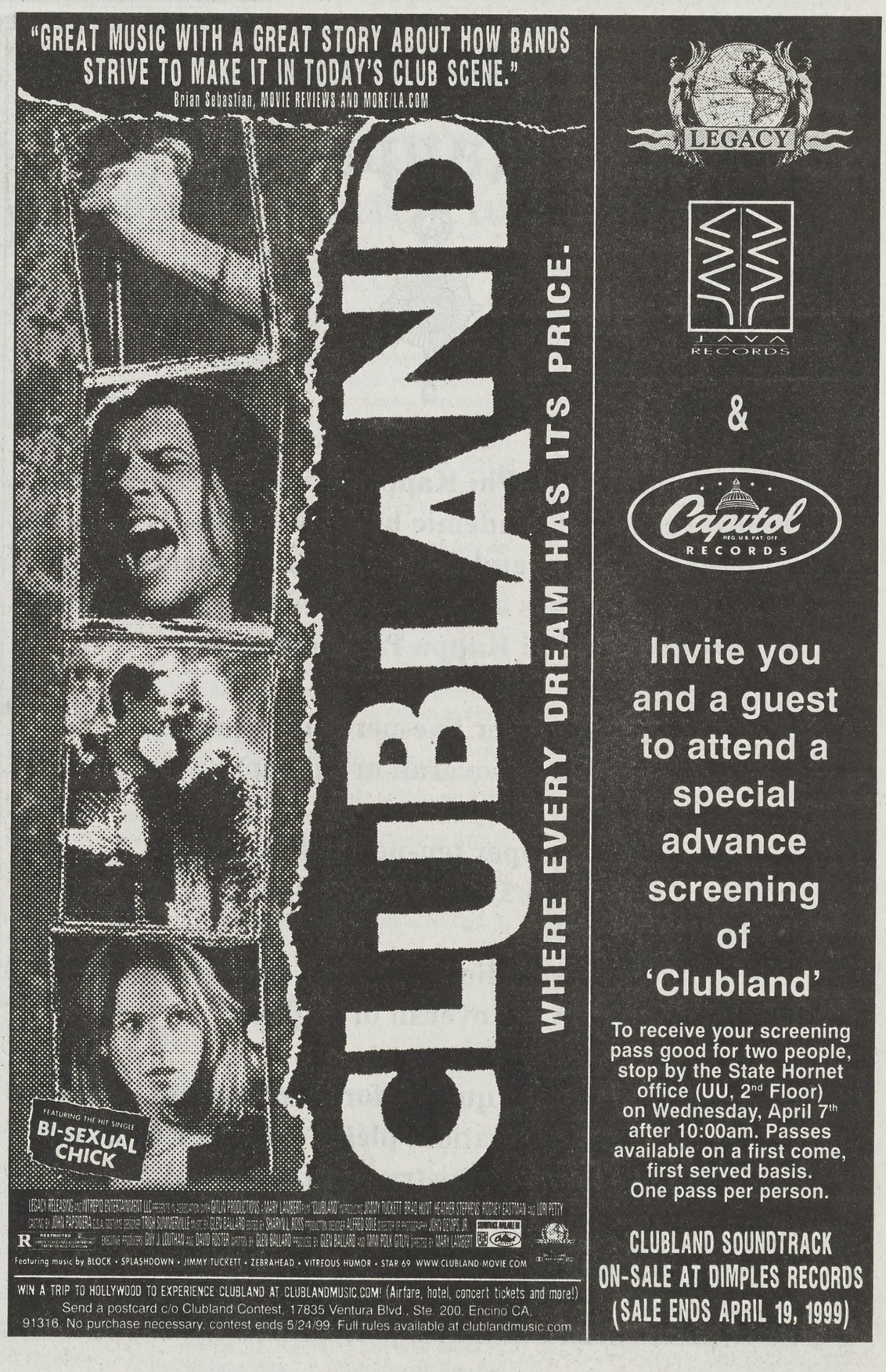
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SWAT team uses CSUS for training





During spring break, members of the Sacramento Police Department's SWAT team trained with officers of the University Police. Solano Hall, Yosemite Hall, and the Library were used as training grounds in the event of a crisis situation.

Officers Don Hoffman and Greg Brown of the Sacramento Police Department secure Jeff Bingle of Transportation and Parking Services during an exercise on the Library roof. (left)



Officers Vic Vinson, Denise Phillips and John Moluar conduct a search of the Library during training exercises (above). Don Hoffman takes a break after completing training exercises (left).

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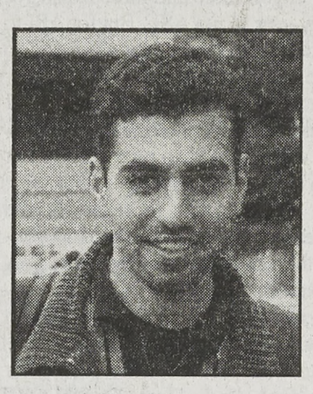
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What is your perfect Spring Break?



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"San Diego. I'm going to party out and drink too much, eat, sleep, and stay away from Sacramento."



Stephanie Blonskij
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"To spend a week in Maui, on the beach the whole time, shopping, tanning, drinking, meeting guys and hanging with friends."



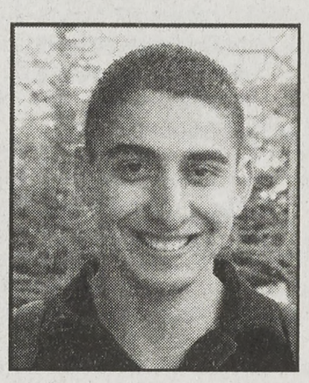
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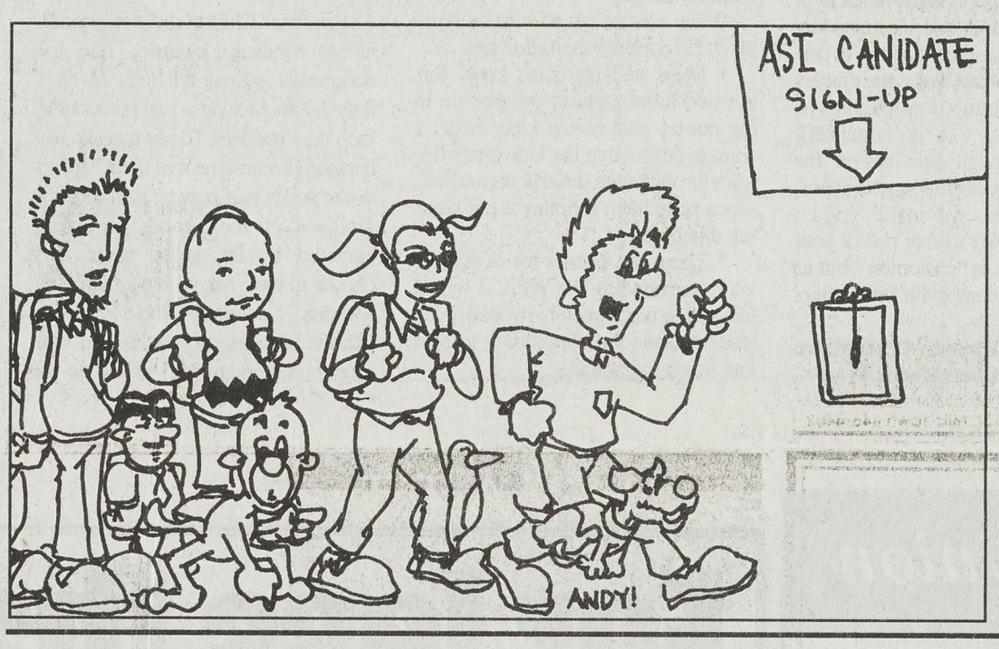
Kristen Anderson
Communication studies

"To go to Norway and visit my family there."



Andres Lopez
Criminal Justice

"Go to Jamaica to get wild and naked and wear nothing but baby oil and a G-string."



Editorial

They're off and running

It looks like the winter rains have grown a bumper crop of candidates for this year's ASI elections.

In past elections it was considered a great turnout when there was one candidate for each of the positions on the ASI board of directors. This year, there are 29 candidates vying for 13 positions on the board. Only one position, director for education, does not have a candidate.

What this bodes for the future of student involvement at CSUS remains to be seen but the large field truly gives students a real choice in selecting those who will lead their student government.

One can only hope the voter turnout on April 20 and 21 will match the enthusiasm shown by this year's candidates.

Only time will tell.

Plying into the issue of campus toilet paper

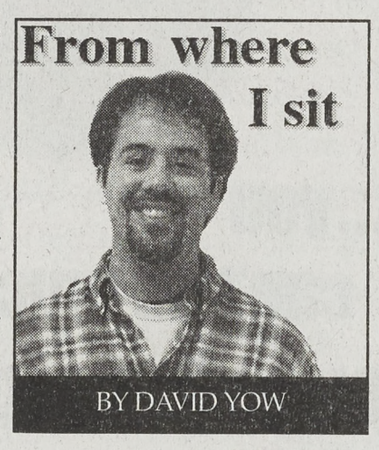
I figured this week I would give our minds a break and discuss this campus' toilet paper. You see, it was brought to my attention that it is an established Sac State tradition for at least one person each semester to tackle this weighty issue and, with a straight face, write a serious article about it. Obviously, I was not the man for the job. Obviously, that is, to everybody but me: without a second or even first thought, I happily volunteered.

In roving about campus for opinions and feelings about school toilet paper, I encountered a rather wide range of reactions and sentiments. Our fellow students' responses ranged from bizarre to obscene to outright laughter. Surprisingly though, most Hornets were willing to give me their opinion on this deeply personal issue, even if just to keep me from bothering them anymore.

If the will of the people of Sac State was implemented, say, tomorrow, things would get a bit weird around here. Let's mix up the polling data and see what happens!

First, we would probably get rid of those little 3 inch squares and replace it with good, honest, American rolls of toilet paper. The toilet paper would have to be soft, just like Mom used to buy at home (sniff, sniff- those good ol' days), yet pliable. No more of that single-layer stuff. No sir. I'm talking the stretchy, soft, multi-layered, springy, fragrant kind with little designs or flowers or something imprinted on them. None of this texture-less material that doubles as receipt paper for the bookstore's cashier machines.

According to the will of the people, the upgrade in toilet paper quality would be paid for by the school cutting costs in other areas. Very few students would actually volunteer to pay an increase in fees for what they see as a necessary and basic service they were already charged for. Given that the school probably purchases packs of toilet paper from Costco or directly from the manufacturer, a bulk discount would probably, students surmise, help cover the slightly higher price. A few students threatened to leave CSUS altogether and go to school at UC Davis or American River College where supposedly the toilet paper is nicer. One student vowed he would start a movement of BYOR (Bring Your Own Roll) if change didn't happen here at Sac State. A significant number of students would demand that President Gerth and the rest of the university's administration be forced to use the same toilet paper as all of us little Hornets.



The polling data also revealed a widespread jealousy of the dormitories, where rumor has it that the toilet paper is softer and thicker. One student, who ordered that her name remain anonymous, complained that the "desperate need and plight of hard-working college students is being ignored by the evil, capitalist pigs in the male-dominated, narrow-minded, classist, racist, bigoted, intolerant elite in the ivory tower of academia."

She denied allegations that she would file suit against the university or its students, or that perhaps she was being an overreacting, whiny little brat.

Other than that, the rest of the opinions on the matter contained an odd, eclectic mix of requests. Some students would welcome seeing multi-colored paper or paper with pictures of celebrities and/or a certain U.S. president on it. A few suggested banning toilet paper altogether and using the old natural method of ivy leaves to do the job.

So - we'll see what happens, and whether the administration pays attention to the loud, even if confused, voices of the people. Until then, those little squares make dandy paper airplanes.

Letters to the Editor

MILLER DECLARES FOR PRESIDENT

I am Effie Miller, candidate for ASI president. I decided to run for this office because of the current image of the campus. 70 percent of the students live in the outlying areas of CSUS, yet only 26 percent are involved with one or more campus clubs or organizations (CSUS Homepage). What about the other 74 percent of the students, what do they want out of their college experience?

I want to create an atmosphere that gets students excited about CSUS, having events for all students to participate in such as a carnival night. Let's get excited about our athletic teams and support them in wins and losses. I'll never completely gain the attention of all students.

For those who want to graduate and nothing more, I'll try to make it an easy path. I cannot promise I will solve your parking problems in building a parking structure, create a one-stop in Lassen Hall, or do away with the WPE. I can promise that I will push the administration to see that they follow through and act on these issues. Other aspects that I will address are increasing scholarships for various types of students and providing the opportunity for students to be involved in the alumni, faculty, and administration. Together, letís build the Capital Campus image. Vote Effie Miller on April 20 and 21.

Effie Miller
Candidate for ASI President

FRESCHI DECLARES FOR VP FINANCE

I would like to take this opportunity to announce to all the students of Sac State that I am back, and running for Vice President of Finance. This semester we created a Student Action Ticket, and that is exactly who we are, students who want to take action on issues that are most important to them. I said it last year and I'll say it again: "People First, NOT Politics." I believe in the ASI motto of "Students First." I worked toward that goal when I ran for president last year; I have worked for it in the past as an ASI Board Member, and have worked for it all of this year, directing the Student Access Center.

Not only am I running for Vice President of Finance to ensure that all of our money is accounted for, I am also preparing to become an Army Officer through ROTC. With the leadership I have gained through being a board member, directing the Student Access Center, and preparation through "Leadership Excellence" with ROTC, I am prepared, and so is your Student Action Ticket, to take ASI and CSUS into the new millennium. I advocate more:

*Money for clubs and organizations - increased funding from $1500 to $2000 per club per semester!

*More student scholarships, for all students!

*Let's make this our Capital Campus; we need to take action and increase campus life!

"We'll make you proud!" Vote for your Student Action Ticket: Effie Miller - President, Kim Shaw - Executive VP, Gary Waller - VP University Affairs. It's the smartest vote you'll ever make!

Daniel Freschi
Candidate for Vice president of Finance

AN OPEN LETTER TO STUDENTS

By now you have heard that on February 26 the California Faculty Association rejected a proposed contract with the CSU administration. The contract was rejected 57% to 43% statewide and more than four to one on this campus.

The CFA turned down the contract despite a slight salary increase because it threatened institutions of collegiality, rights in "shared governance" and elements of academic freedom. We rejected the contract, that is, because of its long-term threat to the conditions and quality of your education.

The CFA is the sole bargaining agent for CSU faculty. Faculty are not required to join and pay dues to the CFA, but about 50% of full-

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time faculty do so because of their dedication to improving CSU's working and teaching conditions. This makes the CFA the largest voluntary higher education faculty union in the United States. That the CFA recently gained the support of nearly all CSU faculty senates and a good many ASIs (including CSUS's) also indicates that it legitimately represents broader points of view within the CSU.

Maybe you're wondering whether the recent CFA vote affects you. If not, you should be. Anytime a university Chancellor proposes sweeping changes in the conditions of work and learning, presents a contract the faculty feels compelled to reject, and threatens to unilaterally impose the terms of employment just rejected, it must have serious consequences for students.

Why did members of the CFA vote against the proposed contract ?

For a number of reasons.

(1) First, its poorly-designed "merit" pay plan would have depleted the money for general salary increases while shifting a great deal of power to reward faculty performance from peer review to unaccountable administrators. Faculty at CSU have long enjoyed a real merit pay system, the RTP (Retention-Tenure-Promotion) process. This process requires extensive and periodic evaluations of faculty by students, peer faculty and administrators. The Chancellor's plan, by contrast, would have opened the way for patronage and croneyism by granting the power of review to administrators unfamiliar with particular fields and denying due-process appeal of presidents' decisions. It would also have fomented distrust and competition among faculty whose cooperation is necessary for the proper functioning of a university.

The Chancellor's plan would have eroded academic freedom, finally, because giving administrators power to reward and punish faculty work also gives them power to shape the content of teaching and research over the long-run. The rights of dissent threatened by such a scheme would include not only unpopular political opinions, but new and unorthodox views in specific disciplines and opinions critical of campus operations as well. It is the liveliness and spirit of controversy in all these areas that make a university education so special and rewarding.

(2) Second, the proposed destruction of the SSI (Salary Step Increase) would have harmed lecturers and junior faculty by eliminating the primary form of salary advance open to them. It would have made them compete against each other and more senior tenured faculty for "merit" awards. Compelling faculty to compete against each other for pay raises could ultimately force them to spend less time with students to focus more on building their own resumes.

(3) Third, though the Chancellor announced a 5% raise, taking 40% of that for the bogus merit pay plan actually left only 3% for most faculty - or, discounted by lost retroactivity, only 2.25% this year! Chancellor Reed celebrates the inexpensiveness and cost efficiency of a CSU education (as in the Sacramento Bee last fall) just as he likes to talk about you as "customers," never mentioning the quality of that education or the way it helps develop an intelligent, enriched citizenry. We are of course quite cost-efficient, what with heavier teaching loads than most professors at comparable universities and 11% less pay. But even though the 2.25% would have helped pay our bills, the real story with the recent vote was that faculty were willing to postpone raises out of their concerns for larger institutional and educational principles.

What happens if Chancellor Reed imposes?

We who teach in the CSU are dedicated to our students and our public mission. We take our responsibilities seriously We in fact are currently carrying 7000 unfunded students as an overload, statewide, because of our commitment. We are the ones who deal with you on a daily basis, care about you, work with you and learn from you. We are very reluctant to interfere with the normal progress of your education. But there are worse ways your education can be disrupted and degraded. And there are times we must both take action to preserve what is best in the CSU.

Chancellor Reed's plans would disrupt and degrade your education in more subtle and long-term ways than are immediately apparent. We faculty cannot go along with these plans out of our concern for you, and out of our commitment to our roles as professionals and co-governors of this university. If the Chancellor seeks to impose the terms and conditions he has suggested we'll have no alternative but to resist: to undertake job actions, to protest, and perhaps to strike.

If such a crisis comes to pass, remember that it occurred for entirely arbitrary reasons on the part of the Chancellor No objective event (like a state budget cutback) caused it. No public report identified 40% of salary monies as the requisite remedy for a specified ill. (The reports indicate that this sort of "merit" plan doesn't work.) No union sparked the conflict by introducing unreasonable demands.

We hope that students understand the choices being forced upon CSU faculty in the weeks and months ahead. And we hope that we will be able to count on your support in the future as in the past. We know that when student sand professors worked together in past years and understood that some matters called for a departure from business as usual, great things were accomplished. And finally, though activities in the weeks ahead may depart from your normal assignments, we invite you to remember that they too are part of your education— not as "customers" but as participants in a democratic citizenship.

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WALLER DECLARES CANDIDACY

I love CSUS! That is why I would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for the office of Vice President of University Affairs of Associated Students Inc.

During my three years here, I've had the unique chance to experience our campus at its best.

I am the former ASI Director of Business and the current Co-Director of KSSU (Sac State's Only Student Run Radio Station). I have also been involved with Greek Life, Student Activities, and the CSUS Foundation. Through my involvement with these organizations, I have noticed that there are certain key issues that need to be addressed. As a member of ASI Board, I can do this for you, the students of CSUS.

When you go out to vote on April 20 & 21, consider the following:

* Most students don't know this but two more parking garages are in the master plan of the University. I want to ensure that the University follows through with these plans and creates a permanent solution to our parking dilemma.

* There has been a lot of controversy surrounding the WPE. I would like to see it completely revised so all students have the opportunity to pass and go on to graduate.

* ASI exists to serve all the students of CSUS. As your VP of University Affairs, I would create a way that ASI could conduct student surveys to see what the average CSUS student wants and expects from ASI.

* There are many great opportunities ASI offers that CSUS students simply don't take advantage of. I would like to see ASI better promote the services that they have to offer the students.

* It gets more and more expensive every year to run ASI. But for ASI to make more money, they are going to have to raise student fees. These student fees are already high enough. I would like to work on creating alternative ways for ASI to raise funds other than raising student fees.

I believe that these goals are extremely attainable. I would appreciate the opportunity to represent you, the students of CSUS.

I also urge you to consider the rest of our Student Action Ticket. We'll make you proud! Effie Miller for President and Dan Freschi VP Finance. It's the smartest vote you'll ever make!

Go out and vote on April 20 & 21!

Gary Waller
Candidate for VP of University Affairs

CLINTON AND FEMINISM

President Clinton did not sexually harass Monica Lewinsky. She had consensual sexual relations (even if they did not include actual intercourse) with the President. To say that she was harassed because he was in an "aphrodisiac position of power" is like saying groupies of rock bands are being harassed by the group when they choose to have sex with the members. Monica Lewinsky and President Clinton are seriously lacking in both morals and judgment. As far as the feminist groups being reluctant to criticize "one of our own," I need to add that we will not truly have one of "our own" in office until her title is 'Mrs. President.'

Sharlotte Rinker
Junior- Government

FACULTY AND CONTRACT

I am writing to express my outrage at the current CSU administration's blatant refusal to support the faculty at CSUS. It is an abomination that our university administrators think pitting one professor against the other is an improvement in our college education, which is exactly what will happen if the merit system is implemented.

Our professors offer more than just a short lecture and an end of semester grade. They offer academic support to students as well as emotional support. The idea that merit pay should be implemented as policy is ludicrous. Merit pay will force professors out of the classrooms and into administrative committees. Certainly, Chancellor Reed and President Gerth can see that an absence of teachers will negatively affect the students. In addition, merit pay ruins the faculty's morale, forces instructors to compete against each other instead of working together, and degrades the teaching profession itself.

Teachers generally become teachers not for the money and prestige (certainly there is too little of that), but for the love of education.

Merit pay is a euphemism for popularity contest. It is not fair to force teachers to abandon their love of education in order to please bureaucrats. The only people who

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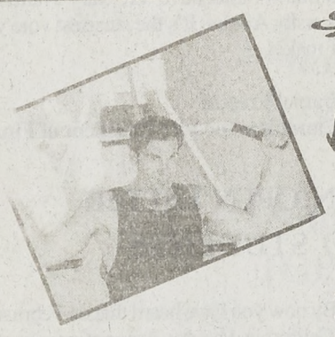
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Letters to the Editor

Faculty:

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are benefiting from merit pay are the heads of the universities.

You cannot put a price on the human mind. Therefore, you cannot put a price on education. To paraphrase John Robbins, we are not inheriting education from our ancestors; we are borrowing it from our children.

Keep in mind that if the quality of our university education is diminished; this not only affects current students, but future ones as well. As a student, this idea depresses me; but as a mother it terrifies me. Our universities are not just educating high school graduates. They also educate future high school teachers.

In fact, the ripple effect of a poor university education can be felt right down to the kindergarten level - even farther if you consider that preschool teachers usually hold a BA in Child Development. So our children will also be denied a quality education if there are no quality teachers left to offer it.

It is imperative that the Chancellor cooperates with our university professors and start supporting them instead of working against them. I want to take this opportunity to thank all my college professors. If done well, educating people is very draining and exhausting. And I appreciate the gift of knowledge that you have given me.

Without your inspiration, I would have given up on college a long time ago. There is no price tag that can be placed on the freedom I have gained through my college education, and this is a freedom I have passed on to my children. And even if you are not allowed to educate in the way that you think best because of bureaucracy, I want you to know that I will continue to educate in the way that you have taught me.

Jessica Heskin-Higgins

Student Rights

My name is Sean South and I am one of your student representatives. I wanted to write to the students of CSUS today to express my disappointment with certain members of the ASI board.

These members failed to allow the students the right to decide how they would be represented by their ASI board and this is unacceptable. The students should be allowed to decided these important issues and a small group of ASI board members should not be allowed to decide the wishes of 23,000 students.

The specific issue involved the creation of a position to fight for student rights at the state level, such as fighting tuition increases and increasing financial aid. This position would have consolidated other positions that already exist in ASI, to make the student representative more accountable and powerful.

These board members would not even allow the students to vote to decide this issue and this is an arrogant use of their power. I believe they forget that they work for the students and not the other way around.

Well, I have always fought for students and their right to decide and I will continue to fight for each and every one of you as long as I am one of your representatives. I work for you.

Sean C. South
Post-Baccalaureate Director to ASI

Human Life

I was given an edition of your paper recently that contained an insert from Human Life Alliance. I must admit I was very surprised to see such a Pro-Life supplement in your paper. As I looked through the insert, though, I realized how little information is given us on the Pro-Life side of the abortion issue. For instance, I didn't know that at 35 days, an embryo has all her fingers, or that at 40 days brain waves can be detected.

I never asked myself a question the insert brings out - "If it isn't a baby, WHAT is it?" Also, I didn't know there were so many physical risks to having an abortion. I want to thank you for allowing the insert into your paper and for allowing students to have the full facts of the Pro-Life side. I think any open-minded student will seriously consider those facts.

Catherine Walsh
Placerville, CA

The Disadvantage Card?

During the crowded rush to get a One Card on Feb. 3, who were the hawkers signing up people for AT&T Student Advantage discount/calling cards? Sac State employees or AT&T? Whoever it was, thanks for nothing. I was one of the suckers who went for the aggressively promoted calling card at 20 cents/minute. What a deal, I thought, considering the savings.

Yesterday interested in the status of my bill, I called AT&T. Lucky I did! I was informed that no record existed of my Student Advantage eligibility for the 20 cents/minute rate! What was that? How else would I have used the number AT&T provided on the aforementioned card, received all nicely laminated with my name on it, and my choice of PIN number?

The AT&T rep coolly admitted that a mistake had been made, but that she "could sign me up for the student rate now!" But sorry, the calls that I'd already made? They don't count for the 20 cents/minute rate!

What a rip! I exclaimed. People do make mistakes, the rep said. You mean if I hadn't called, I would never have known that I wasn't paying 20 cents/minute? Sorry, she said.

I immediately canceled any connection to AT&T's Student (dis)Advantage card with her, demanding addresses to complain, names of people to call, and written confirmation of my cancellation. As my dad used to say, "I ain't Rockefeller!"

So...students beware! If you signed up for the 20 cents/minute student rate, you may NOT be getting it. Plus, any calls that you have unwittingly made unregistered with Student Advantage will not be discounted even if you have a laminated card that says they should be, starting way back in February Check it out yourself.

Why is AT&T so tied up with SacState's One Card, anyway? God, don't tell me! Nothing short of revolution will get the multinationals out of bed with academia. I'm real. This is the 90s, not the 70s.

Protect your money; money is power - don't let AT&T have it all!

Margo Lenson
Graduate Student
Life/English/Poli.Sci.

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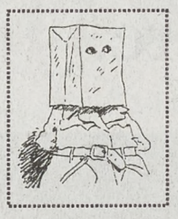
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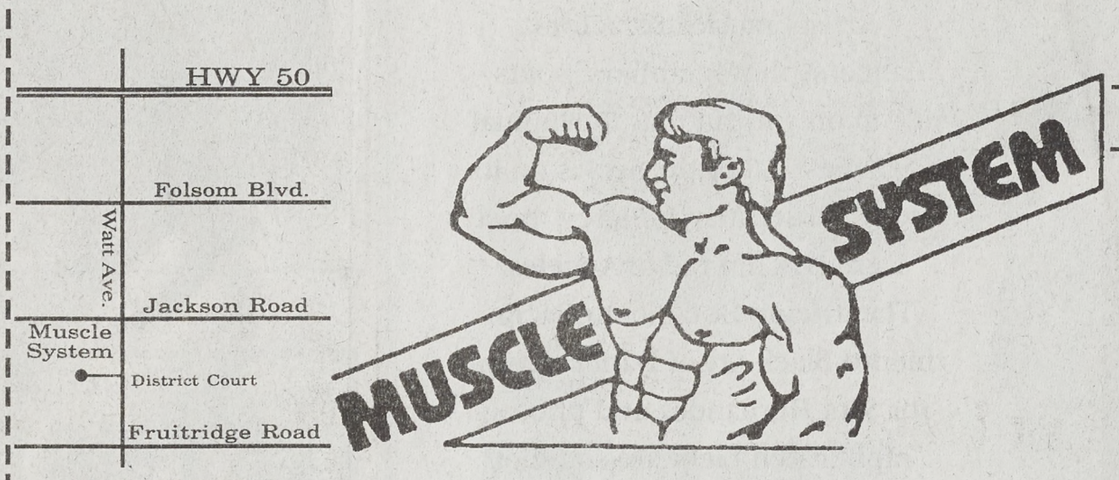
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Students protest fees

BY JOHN MONTGOMERY
State Hornet

Student free speech could be impacted when the United States Supreme Court decides on a case challenging the methods public universities use to distribute mandatory student fees to student organizations. On Mar 29, the justices of the nation's highest court agreed to hear a case where conservative students at the University of Wisconsin at Madison have sued to stop the allocation of their student fees to organizations they found objectionable.

Just like the University of Wisconsin at Madison, administrators at CSUS turn over part of the mandatory fees they collect each semester to the Associated Students Inc. ASI then distributes a portion of those fees to campus organizations and clubs.

ASI officials said they have been watching the case as it winds its way through the court system.

"We are following the case closely," said Carol Ackerson, executive director of ASI.

The Wisconsin students argued that forcing them to fund organizations that engage in political and ideological speech was a violation of their rights under the First Amendment. Among the 18 fee-funded groups that the plaintiffs found objectionable were the International Socialist Organization and the Campus Women's Center.

A Chicago federal court agreed with the students and ordered the university officials to develop a new method for funding, one that would not make students fund groups with political aims that they didn't agree with.

"We have never had a student complaint about the groups we fund," said Ackerson. "We try and make sure we provide for a broad range of student organizations and points of view."

While agreeing that the groups have a right to promote their views on campus, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit said forcing the students to subsidize those views was unacceptable.

"The regents (of the university) cannot use objecting students' mandatory activity fees to fund organizations which engaged in political or ideological activities, advocacy or speech," said Daniel L. Manion, an appeals court judge. Manion wrote the opinion for the three-judge panel that heard the appeal.

The court did not decide whether the university had to come up with a new method for funding those organization or allow dissenting students to receive a refund of that portion of their fees.

The court declined to have a hearing of the lower court ruling before the entire appeals court bench of 18 judges. This paved the way for the appeal by the university to the Supreme Court.

In the past, the Supreme Court has ruled that unions and state bar associations cannot force members to support ideological activities that fall outside the legitimate interests of the organization. The court is expected to issue a ruling on the case this summer.

At CSUS, ASI provided funds to 69 student clubs and organizations between July of 1998 and March of this year.

ELECTION: big turnout expected

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only 8.1 percent or 1,918 of 23,675 students voted.

"A wide array of candidates and important ballot items will ensure a large turnout," said Davis, who is expecting a turnout of 20 percent.

As an incentive for students to vote, ASI will raffle off prizes to students after dropping their ballot stubs in polling boxes.

"Although we haven't finalized this year's prizes, previous years have included concert tickets, mountain bikes, and movie passes," said Jeff Harrelson, chairman of the ASI student relations committee.

Students can find out more information about the candidates for the ASI board of directors by attending a series of roundtables and debates. The first is scheduled for April 13 at 6 p.m. in the Pub, and a second debate will occur in the Library quad at noon on April 15. Candidate information is also posted at www.csus.edu/hornet on the Web.

CARDS: like debit card

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much. I will probably continue to pay for food with cash," said Linda Lugea, a freshman also majoring in business.

The loss or theft of a OneCard can be reported to the OneCard office, where a replacement can be issued and any remaining credit can be transferred to the new card.

Grant said that plans for more of the cash deposit machines are in the works.

"An additional machine will probably be put along the outside of the Riverfront Market," said Grant.



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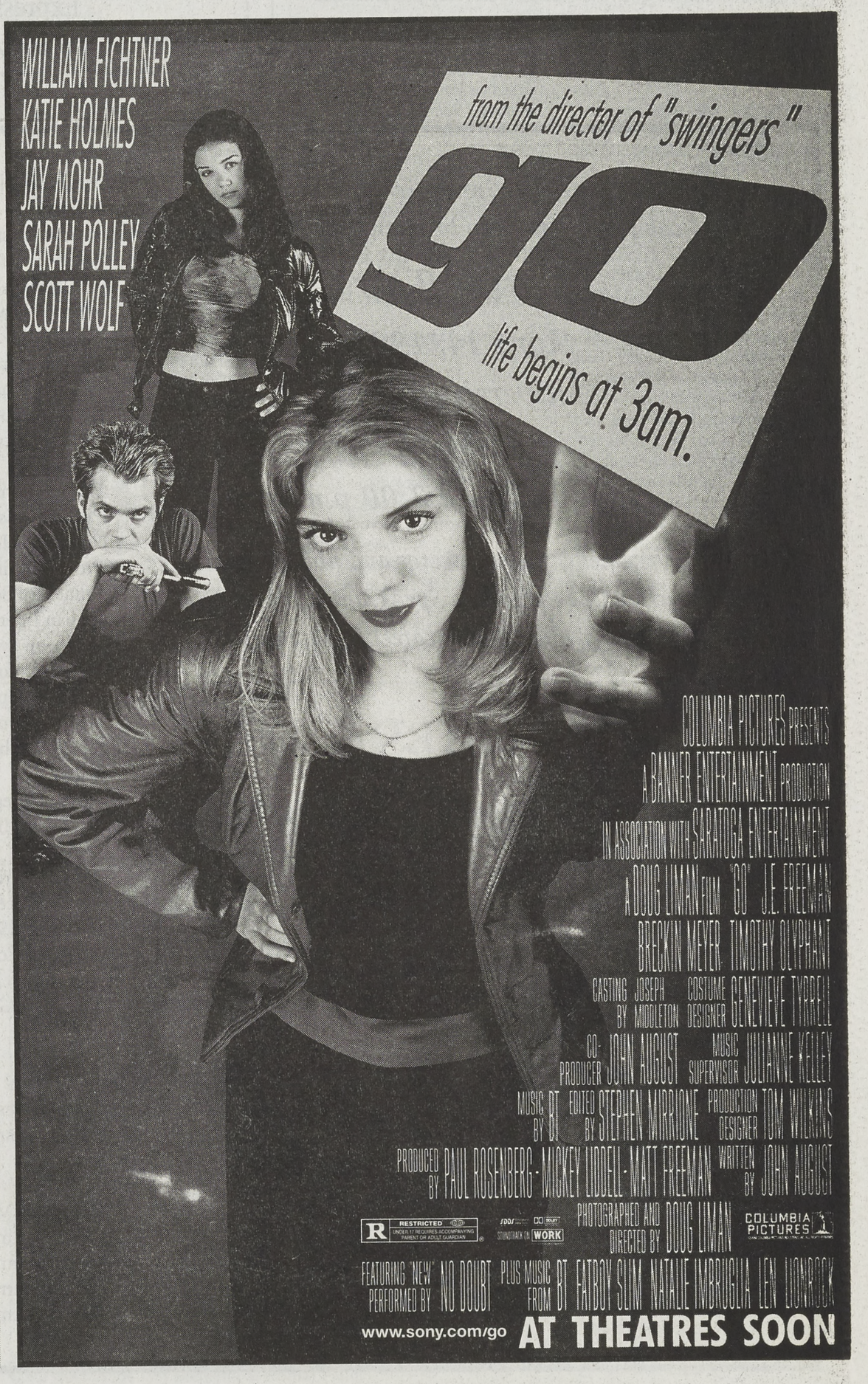
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ARENA:sponsors an option

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If students pass Referendum #1, they will get a Student Center for their efforts. However, ASI hopes that an 8,000-seat arena, to be attached to the center, will also be thrown into the bargain.

It is unclear who would pay for the arena.

Although ideally Davis would like to see student fees go down with the support of sponsors, there can be no guarantee of a rate decrease. The idea of a sponsor to help fund the arena, Davis explains, would be similar to how Arco sponsors the arena for Sacramento.

"The only promise that can be made to students regarding a fee reduction is if the one-third fee gets dropped toward financial aid," said Davis. Right now, $30 of the proposed $90 would go directly toward financial aid due to Executive Order #661, a mandate from the Chancellor's office that requires one-third of any fee increase to go to financial aid programs.

The Recreation Task Force has asked President Donald Gerth to consider contributing the one-third amount to the project.

"This is a real opportunity to enter a partnership with the university," said Ackerson, "Right now the university doesn't have the funds to give."

President Gerth has supported the center in word only up until this point.

"If all the pieces fall together, then this will happen, if the pieces don't fall together then it won't," said Gerth. "I support what they are trying to do."

Other issues surrounding the Student Center include questions about parking, childcare and accessibility for students with disabilities who would also be required to pay the fee.

"Right now, there are no plans to build additional parking," said Davis, "Most of the events in the arena would be held in the summer or on the weekends."

SDSU on the other hand is having a terrible time with their parking situation.

"We already have limited parking as it is, and with the arena's events, most of it is being sucked up by visitors," said Elody Hernandez, administration supervisor for the Aztec Recreation Center.

Ackerson said that comparing CSUS' parking situation with SDSU's is a mistake.

"Our parking here is a dream compared to San Diego," she said.

As for a child care facility, it's in the preliminary plan.

"We have it in here, whether or not it's bigger or smaller in size cannot be determined yet," said Bryant. SDSU does not have a child care facility at its center

According to the office of Institutional Studies, the CSUS Childrens Center has a waiting list.

The Student Center is also being planned to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"As far as students with disabilities are concerned, in all of our programs such as Peak Adventures it has always been our approach to have adapted programs for disabled students," said Ackerson.

In the end, the students will decide. For those concerned with graduating before the center is built but still paying the fee, the Task Force has a solution: students will have a credit toward using the center after it's built per semesters paid.

"That's the best we can do," said Bryant. "It's not like we can send them their money back."

SENATE:no compliance

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response to threats of a strike by the California Faculty Association.

The resolution states that "President Gerth has contributed to the disharmony and acrimony between the faculty and the administration by using the resources and position of his office" to send the letter.

The Faculty Senate also resolved to not participate in any of the programs associated with the contract that the Trustees imposed on the faculty March 17.

Rita Cameron Wedding, professor of women's studies, opened the meeting with an explanation of why she and her colleagues are against the merit pay system in the contract.

"My hard work will not be recognized as outstanding to a merit system like the one proposed, because this system and the contract is based on how much people like you, not the work that you do."

President Gerth attended the meeting and spoke briefly to the Senate, calling accusations by the faculty that his letter was intentionally misleading "nonsense." Gerth said repeatedly he had "a great deal of confidence in the faculty of this university." He left the meeting immediately after the question-and-answer session.

The adoption of these resolutions were so controversial that the chairman of the Faculty Senate, Thomas Krabacher, professor of geography, handed over the gavel to the vice-chair Art Jensen, professor of management, for the remainder of the meeting.

-ANDREA DION CONTRIBUTED TO THIS REPORT.

CORRECTION

Sean South's name was incorrectly spelled in the ASPECT story on p.1 of the March 24 edition.

Elizabeth DePalma's story on the Work Study program in the March 24 edition should have been identified as "Special to the Hornet."

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As the polls open on April 20, the students of CSUS will face several ballot measures that will try to increase student fees.

One of the measures, Referendum #1, will ask students to vote for a fee increase that will eventually pay for a fitness/events/recreation/arena student center.

This referendum would put into motion plans for the construction of a student recreation and fitness facility that would hopefully be connected to an arena. The students would be assuming the debt of building the fitness and recreation portion of the building process, while the university will pay for the arena portion of the project.

A "yes" vote on Referendum #1 would increase student fees by $24 a semester until ground breaks. Once construction begins, the fees would increase an additional $66.

The cost for the project will be between $26 million and $28 million.

It will only be worth the time and money invested if the administration of CSUS gets its act together and raises the additional $20 million to $25 million it needs to build an arena with the fitness and rec center.

Plans suggest that the actual construction of the building would not start for two years. That gives CSUS President Don Gerth and the athletics department time to go out and do some serious fund raising. (Arco isn't the only gas station in town. ... "Exxon Events Center presents Pearl Jam!" It could happen.)

The athletic department better get involved with the project because second only to students, they have the most to gain from an arena. The selling point of any program is winning. Few Hornet teams have winning programs. They need to be able to sell facilities instead.

Men's basketball coach Tom Abatemarco said he hopes the students pass the referendum.

"We need it for student life here," Abatemarco said. "You have to have a recreation facility on campus for students, especially since we've been a commuter school for so long."

Early proposals for the arena suggest that it could seat around 8,000 to 9,000 people.

"There is not a mid-size arena in Sacramento," Abatemarco said. "Arco Arena seats 17,000 and Memorial seats only 3,000, so we could rent it out to anyone who needs a mid-size events center. Plus it would help the volleyball and basketball teams. Debby Colberg has one of the premier volleyball programs in the country right now, imagine what she could do with her recruiting if she had a big arena to sell."

As it is now, Colberg and her two-time Big Sky Championship team still play in what should be called the "small gym."

The administration needs to take the fund-raising challenge very seriously. They already blew a deal that would have built baseball, softball and soccer fields.

The fields at Sac State are embarrassing.

The Little League fields that were just built outside the campus are more intimidating and professional looking. The reason the baseball team gets a small attendance probably starts with the fact that there are not

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Softball sweeps Northridge

BY ALISHA BARAJAS
State Hornet

The Sac State softball team completed a sweep against CSU Northridge last weekend, winning 2-1, 5-1 and 3-0.

The three-game home series against the Matadors (3-6 conference, 16-18 overall) pushed the Hornets back over the .500 mark for both conference play (5-4) and overall record (17-15).

Head coach Kathy Strahan couldn't remember a similar sweep in her seven-year history with the Hornets.

"This is an incredibly great feeling," Strahan said. "It's especially nice for the seniors who have had their fair share of losses against Northridge."

Pitcher Amy Barker (5-6) got the 11th-inning win in Friday's first game, striking out four and allowing one run on five hits in 35 at bats. The Hornets received RBI contributions from short stop Katie Cichy and second base player Jenn Handy.

Game two's winning pitcher, Kelly Lovato (10-7), ended Friday's game in seven innings, striking out seven and allowing only four hits in 26 at bats.

"I threw a lot of change ups, which kept them off balance," Lovato said.

That pitching strategy limited the sole score for the Matadors to a fifth-inning home run. "It was basically a freebie, since she couldn't hit anything but a change up pitch," Lovato said.

Cichy and Handy both posted RBI. Catcher Jenny O'Leary posted two RBI and first baseman Meghan Cuningham's RBI rounded out the Hornet offensive.

With the wind kicking up on Saturday, the team took time to think through how the weather would affect its play.

"We came out early to work on fly balls and talk about how to handle the wind," Strahan said.

Once the game started, the wind was less a hindrance than help.

"The wind helped with my curve ball, which they couldn't hit," Lovato said.

While the wind helped Lovato's curve ball, her strategy entering game three was certainly helped by the previous day's look at the Matador hitters.

"They came to hit, not to be walked," Lovato said. "Because they swung at a lot of pitches, I knew to keep the ball off the plate so I threw up and out a lot."

Her plan paid off in a scoreless outing for the Matadors. The clutch hitting of left fielder Erin Driver and Cichy brought the game-winning RBI in the third inning.

With the season half-finished, Strahan said she still is trying to find the perfect balance on and off the road.

The home field advantage seemed to prove itself as the Hornets, who had just lost a three-game series to UC Santa Barbara, came back to Sac State to post the victories against Northridge.

Lovato has her own take on why the home field seems to bring wins.

"Though I don't seem to pitch any different, I notice we're more comfortable at home," Lovato said. "We just get pumped up."

Whatever the cause, Strahan said the team will "put its head together" and try to find the keys to unlock success on the next road game April 10 and 11 against Utah State.



Jennifer Regadio/State Hornet

Sac State junior pitcher Amy Barker allowed one run on five hits including four strikeouts during the Hornets 2-1 win over CSU Northridge last week at Shea Stadium

Tennis heads to post-season play

BY RAMIRO ARCEO
State Hornet

When most students at Sac State were on vacation during Spring Break, the men's tennis team took its act on the road and came home ready for the regionals.

On the way to the UC Irvine Invitational, the Hornets stopped at Fresno State, where they suffered their second defeat of the season by a score of 6-1.

"They're stronger than us; they got some great players," Sac State head coach Chris Evers said. "They are a top-25 team in the nation."

The only point from the match came from Chris Smith's singles win 6-4, 4-6 and 6-2 over Andy Scorteanu. With the victory, Chris maintained his undefeated season in singles, and in front of his hometown crowd.

"It was fun playing with some fans there," the sophomore said. "I am glad I played there and won."

However, his undefeated streak came to an end at the UC Irvine Invitational, where he lost his No. 3 singles match in the Hornets' defeat against Dartmouth.

"It's fine that I lost the match," Smith said. "I needed to lose one to get the undefeated thought out of my mind. Now I can go out there and play."

It was a hard-fought battle against the fourth seed in the tournament; they split the singles with three victories each, but then the Hornets won the No. 1 and No. 2 doubles matches to seal the victory.

"That was a tough loss," Smith said. "We had a good chance of beating them. We need to improve in doubles. We need more concentration and intensity from the get-go because it's hard to come back once you get down early."

But far from being down from that defeat, the Hornets battled back and won their next three matches, against Tennessee Tech, 4-1, Portland University, 4-2, and Northern Arizona University, 4-2; this last team is a league opponent, so with the victory the Hornets made a statement for the upcoming regionals.

The Hornets want to beat NAU again to get the first seed for the Big Sky Conference Tournament and get a bye so they can have a better shot at winning the league title and advance to the NCAA tournament.

"We played really hard," Evers said. "We lost our first match and could've gone into the tank, but we came back. We were really tired but stepped to the oc-

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Hornet rowing wins, hits halfway point of season

BY SAM AMICK
State Hornet

Consistency has been the key for the Sac State rowing program this season.

At the San Diego Crew Classic on March 27-28, the Hornet women reached the finals for their division for the third straight year, placing sixth, and the Hornet men took first place in their California Cup final.

Head coach Bill Zack said he is happy with his constantly improving team.

"I'm real happy with our consistency," Zack said. "Some schools bounce up and down, but we've gotten faster every year since I came here and we'll continue to do so."

The Hornet women's first team varsity eight rowed its 2,000-meter California Cup finals race in 7:39.22. The California Cup was one of two divisions at the Classic. The Hornets were one of seven teams to make it to the finals in the 24-team division. San Diego State won the California Cup with a time of 7:21.69.

"All I ask of the women is that they perform as well on race day as they do in practice," Zack said. "They did that. They performed as well as they could have."

The Hornet men took first in their California Cup final in 6:30.6, barely beating Trinity College, which finished the 2,000 meters in 6:33.73.

"I'm very excited for them," Zack said. "Around here you can't even tell who is the sport team and who is club."

The Hornet women are a sanctioned sport and the men are a club status.

"We do our end-of-the-year banquet together (men and women)," Zack said. "They even date each other. When Sac State wins, Sac State wins. It doesn't matter if it's men or women's."

"Some schools bounce up and down, but we've gotten faster every year..."

Bill Zack
Head coach rowing

To qualify for the women's California Cup final, each winner of the four-heat races places automatically, while the remaining three spots were filled through semifinal races.

The Hornet women took second place in their heat race in 7:04.42, behind finals winner San Diego State (6:56.2).

In the semifinal, the Hornets took first. They beat the University of Texas by one second.

"Our best race of the weekend was the semifinal race," Zack said. "Becky Devcic (coxswain) made some great calls down the stretch. I don't know what she said but she got the crew rowing their best."

The coxswain sits at the rear of the boat during the race and motivates the crew, and also informs them of their position.

The course conditions in San Diego played a big factor in the Hornets' races.

"The course is pretty unfair," Zack said. "There is a strong tidal current and huge winds but lanes one and two are blocked from that."

The times for the 2,000-meter varsity eight events in San Diego showed the effect of these conditions. At the March 6 rowing event in Rancho Cordova, the Hornet women finished in 6:40.19, roughly a minute faster than their sixth-place time from lane six in San Diego.

At next year's San Diego Crew Classic, the Hornet men will compete in the most competitive of the two men's divisions, the Copley Cup. Their first-place finish in the California Cup qualifies them for Copley Cup competition.

The Hornet rowers are at about the halfway point in the season. Their next event is the California Collegiate Rowing Championships on April 17 in Rancho Cordova at the CSUS Aquatic Center.

Hornet Baseball Drops Two Against Cal Poly

BY JOSH ELLIS
State Hornet

While the Hornets (13-22 overall, 3-9 in Big West Confere4nce play) lost two of the three games against Cal Poly, there were some bright spots.

Sac State junior pitcher Pat Edwards pitched eight innings, allowing four hits and two runs while striking out eight batters during the Hornets' 3-1 loss Saturday. Edwards pitched in his longest stint since mid-February due to a nagging lower back injury.

"I'm still feeling it now in my lower back but I feel like I pitched well," Edwards said. "I thought the team played great defense behind me."

Head coach John Smith was happy with the team's defensive play as well as Edwards' performance.

"Pat's been down for about two weeks but I thought he played with a lot of heart and a lot of courage," Smith said. "As a team we are pitching well, our defense is good but we need to make the timely hits."

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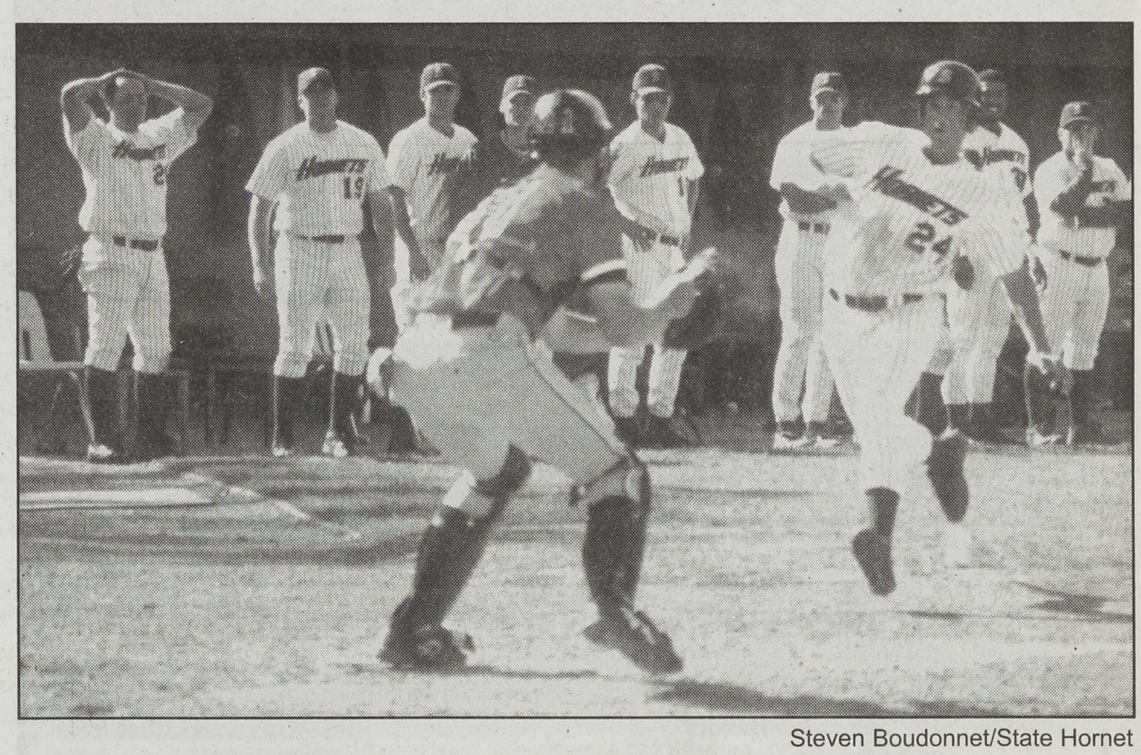
John Smith
Head coach baseball

Sac State left 12 runners on base on Saturday.

On Friday the Hornets scored five runs in the first inning en route to an 8-4 victory. Senior first basemen Bill Hoover got Sac State on the board first with a three-run homer to right field. Freshmen pitcher Brian Gates pitched a complete game allowing four runs on 10 hits while striking out five for the win.

Smith said the Mustangs pitchers did a good job of keeping his team's bats quiet.

"The only time we got to their pitchers was in the first inning when we scored five runs," he said. "Cal Poly also made some tough hits with runners in scoring position."



Steven Boudonnet/State Hornet

Sac State freshman outfielder Anthony Salvemmi heads home during the Hornets homestand against Cal State Northridge last weekend at Hornet Field.

More track athletes qualify for conference meet



Katherine Lewis/State Hornet

Sac State track finished third in women's competition and second in men's competition last Saturday against Fresno State, San Francisco State and Nevada at Hornet Stadium.

BY BRIAN MARTIN
State Hornet

The Sac State track team has continued to improve and will send more athletes to the Big Sky Conference meet at after performing well at home against Fresno State, San Francisco State and Nevada on March 17.

"This was a great meet," head coach Joe Neff said. "We made huge progress compared to last year."

At the same meet last year, both the men's and women's teams scored in the 30s. This year the women scored 149 points to take third place and the men scored 109 to place second.

The 400-percent improvement over last year is more impressive when one considers the adversity some of the athletes had to overcome.

Some were coming off the flu, others coming off injuries, and one had just returned from a funeral.

"Our athletes are doing everything they can do to show we are as good as we think we are," Neff said.

Sophomore Rokeen Osby won the high jump with a jump of six feet, nine inches despite an injured hamstring. Other winners for the men included Mike Kenyon in the 400 meters (47.52 seconds), Tony Galaviz in the 110-meter hurdles (14.30 seconds) and Jimmithee Banks in the long jump (23 feet, eight and three-quarters inches).

Three juniors led the women's squad. Crystal Watson won the 100 meters with a time of 12.16 seconds and took second in the 200 meters. Africa Eldridge's time of 2 minutes, 14.90 seconds won the 800 meters. Karmen Furr took second in the triple jump with a leap of 38 feet, eight inches.

While the team performed well at the meet, there is not a sense of satisfaction among the athletes and coaches.

After running a season-best 14.52 in the 100-meter hurdles, Mykesha Kirtman only said, "It's OK, but it's not where I want to be."

Coach Mike Gipson said that as well as the team performed at the meet; they could have done even better.

"We had some key players injured and made some bad handoffs, but the gap [between Sac State and its competitors] is lessening every week," Gipson said.

Assistant coach Marcus Jones echoed the thoughts of Gipson, but believes the team is on the right track. Jones said that after the intense indoor season, the training has backed off a little. This month has been filled with strength training and next month they will begin "pencil sharpening" by doing more specialized workouts.

The training will prepare the team for what Jones calls the "Big Three" - the Brutus Hamilton Invitational on Saturday, the Mount SAC Relays on April 16-17, and the California-Nevada Championships on April 24-25.

"After those meets we'll have our best times and know where we stand," Jones said. "We need to do well in the Big Three and then peak at the conference championship meet."

The Hornets have already qualified many athletes for the conference meet. Currently the women have qualified 13 athletes in 19 events and the men have qualified 10 athletes in 13 events.

The next opportunity to qualify is Saturday at the Brutus Hamilton Invitational at Sac State on Saturday. This is the first of the Big Three and the second-to-last home meet of the year.

TENNIS: Regionals at hand

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The Hornets were tired because they had to play two matches in the same day due to a rain delay that pushed the schedule back. They got only an hour and a half rest between matches.

As for the Fresno State defeat, Evers said they are looking to strengthen their schedule in the future so they can compete with this type of high-caliber team.

"Some of us were intimidated by them," Evers said. "But as we get a stronger schedule we'll get stronger."

Now the Hornets, 12-3, must focus on the home stretch of the season to beat NAU in the regionals, get the No. 1 seed and the bye.

"It'll be a tough match, but the guys will step it up," Evers said. "They need to play well the rest of the year. Play smart and tough."

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Becky Jackson, Women's Golf

Junior Becky Jackson helped lead the Sacramento State women's golf team to a second-place finish at the Lady Matador Classic last week. The Meadow Vista, California, native shot 79 and tied for first place with teammate Erin Brannigan before winning the individual title in a playoff. Jackson is majoring in civil engineering and has a 3.312 gpa.



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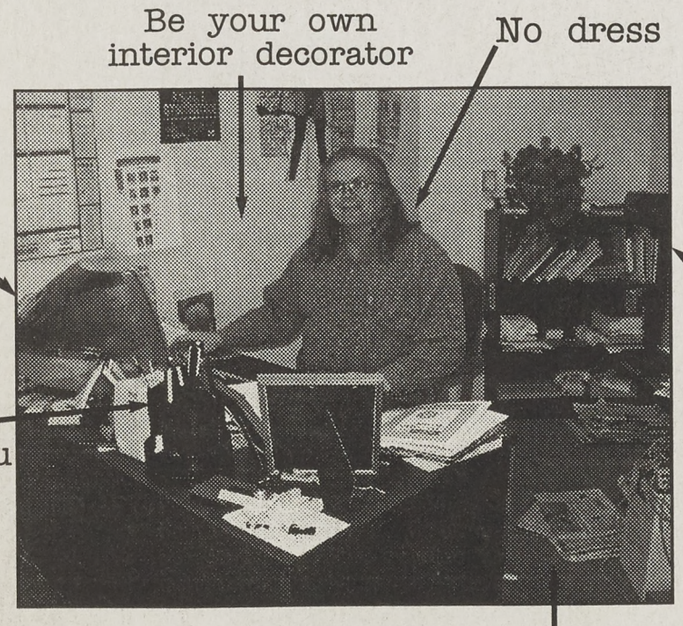
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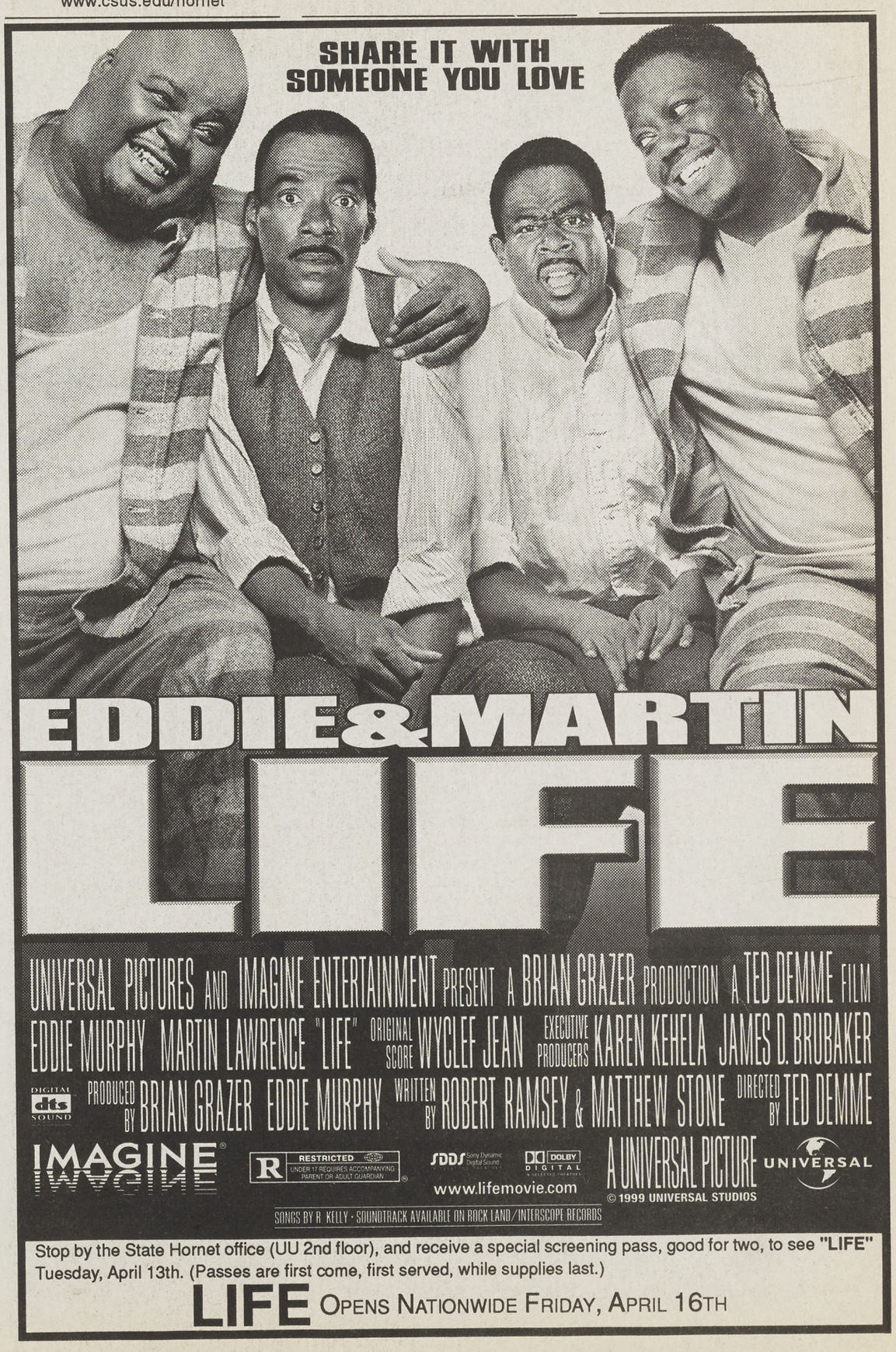
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that many cozy aluminum benches to sit on.

Football and track are the only sports to have seen any renovations, and that is only because the stadium is going to be used for the Olympic track trials in the spring of 2000.

Somebody needs to look out, or five years will have come and gone, and the university will still have shabby facilities, which would only help deter audiences.

A recreation center for students is badly needed (did you realize that there is not a basketball hoop to be found on campus for students?), but an on-campus arena would simply get Sac State caught up with the rest of the CSU schools.

President Gerth said, "I think it's important to emphasize that it is going to be a single building."

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Gymnastics qualifies for Regionals

BY JOSH ELLIS
State Hornet

The Sac State gymnastics team headed into the Western Independent Championships last week in San Jose needing a pre-determined team score to qualify for the NCAA West Regionals for the first time in school history.

After placing second to San Jose State with a score of 192.575, the Hornets had no idea if they made the mark or not because scores from other meets had not all been accounted for.

Head coach Kim Hughes said waiting to see if the Hornets were one of six teams to qualify for Regionals was difficult.

"We felt kind of dejected after the meet because we were in limbo," Hughes said. "Here we had scored the second-highest team mark ever and we were disappointed."

The feeling of disappointment went away last Monday when the Hornets earned their first-ever NCAA West Regional bid. Sac State will travel to Corvallis, Oregon, this weekend to compete against Oregon State, Utah, UCLA, University of Washington and Boise State for this year's Region 1 championships.

Hughes said the team's achievement was a goal that he and assistant coach Randy Solorio have had since the program was moved up to Division I in 1991.

"Getting a Division I Regional bid has been a dream come true for us," Hughes said. "It is the greatest possible achievement you can receive."

Hughes said the qualification was even sweeter because his squad had beaten out Berkeley in head-to-head competitions for that final spot.

"This year's competition for that sixth spot was a close at it gets," Hughes said. "It felt good that we were even with or outscored Berkeley when we competed in the same gym."

The team had been given spring break off to recuperate from the six meets in four weeks so Hughes had to spread the news by telephone.

"I had to give the girls some time off because they competed in so many meets in a row," Hughes said. "If I had not given them spring break off and we didn't qualify for regional, they would have killed me."

While Hughes said the scoring in Regional competition will be more conservative, Hughes said he knows his team's consistency will be able to handle the pressure.

"We need to hit our average because we are competing against the top five teams in the region," Hughes said. "We were placed in the best spot possible by starting on the vault in the first rotation."

The Hornets have been a little banged-up toward the end of the season, but Hughes expects to have a full healthy squad by the time they reach Oregon this weekend.

"Melissa (Prescott) and Jolane (Parr) should be 100 percent, and Lara (Goold) should be ready to go after being pulled from the last meet," he said. "They will definitely give us a boost in all areas."

Hughes said his Hornets are heading into this weekend's competition with only one goal in mind.

"All year long we have worked to get to this level," Hughes said. "Now that we have earned the right to be at the regionals, we need to prove to everyone that we belong here."

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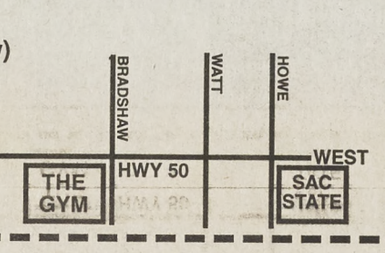
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Friday, April 30th -10am - 2 pm

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The Open House is an opportunity to inform community members, perspective students and the campus community about your organization. The emphasis this year is for groups to plan demonstrations, clinics, or other activities as a way of getting perspective students and adults involved in activities with your group. Interactive activities like face-painting, arts & crafts, or games of skill are possibilities. Other options might include food sales or fund-raising projects. The plan for the day is to have student organizations, academic departments and other University programs sponsor events and activities all across campus.

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